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COP land sale a win for sports?

Proposal to sell more than 50 acres of land at Canada Olympic Park New commercial area would feature grocery store, retail outlet, restaurants and two hotels

COURTESY OF WINSPORT CANADA

▶ WinSport Canada is considering selling some of the 440 acres it owns at Canada Olympic Park to build a new sporting facilities for athletes.

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The maple leaf could soar to new athletic heights if a development deal at Canada Olympic Park is given the green light.

That's according to WinSport Canada, owners of the storied winter sporting site, which is proposing to part ways with some land for commercial and retail development.

The funds gained from the project would then be put back into the existing sport facilities as well as pave the way for new sites, said representative Brendon Arnold.

"We are trying to help sport in anyway we can," he said.

"This is going to help up-and-coming athletes, developing athletes with support from WinSport Canada."

Arnold said WinSport will maintain control over what types of establishments settle at COP, with the focus remaining on promoting healthy and active living.

An estimate of how much revenue could be generated through the proposal was not available yesterday.

WinSport will be hosting an open house to discuss the proposal from 5-8 p.m. at Canada Olympic Park's festival tent Tuesday. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Middle East

Peaceful rally turns deadly

Protesters want to see end to monarchy in Bahrain Four killed in early morning assault by riot police as many slept on the street {page 12}

Hathaway co-hosting Oscars a good idea?

Reel guys debate host selection for the Academy Awards {page 19}

MP's rant deemed racist

Court rules Andre Arthur's comments out of line {page 14}

Happy Family Day from Metro

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Tall baby boy brings joy to zoo

This week proved to be a lesson in the circle of life at the Calgary Zoo.

A 22-year-old black bear named Patches was euthanized earlier this week, when zoo staff realized the bear's spinal arthritis was no longer responding to treatment. Abena, a female lion, had suffered many collapses caused by a suspected cardiovascular disease and died under anesthesia while veterinary staff attempted to diagnose her. In light of these losses, the arrival of a baby giraffe early Wednesday morning was a welcome addition to the zoo. The baby boy is almost seven-feet tall and weighs close to 185 pounds. He is the third child for mother Carrie.

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Charges dropped in alleged LRT sex assault

Inconclusive camera evidence has led to a charge being dropped against a 16-year-old accused of being party to a sexual assault at a Calgary LRT station.

The other individual charged in the incident, a 15-year-old boy, still faces a sexual assault charge, which occurred at Heritage LRT station in December. He will appear in court Wednesday for a bail hearing.

The 16-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to theft under $5,000 after stealing a small amount of money from a man at the LRT station the same night.

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▶ Staff Sgt. Brad Moore says the number of home invasions this year is disturbing.

Invaders posed as police: Cops

Armed suspects force way into residence yelling 'Police,' cops say Investigators seek tips from public

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Posing as police officers, three armed suspects forced their way into a northeast residence and bound four residents inside Thursday morning.

The suspects then proceeded to steal a "significant" amount of cash, jewelry and other personal property, police said.

The incident occurred in the 800 block of Saddlecreek Way N.E. around 1 a.m., said Staff Sgt. Brad Moore.

According to a description from the victims, one suspect was wearing a shirt with the word "POLICE" across the chest and had a police-style badge around his neck.

Despite the guise, Moore said residents in the home were not fooled into thinking the invaders were actual officers.

"It bothers us as police officers to have other people doing these kind of things, trying to impersonate police officers," Moore added.

Having said that, Moore stressed the public should not be concerned, given that the incident is considered a targeted attack.

Nevertheless, Lam Chung, who lives near the targeted residence, said the incident has left him shaken.

"It's scary, actually," he said. "Nothing like that has happened here before."

Targeted attack

- Staff Sgt. Brad Moore said two victims living in the home were known to police from past criminal charges.
- A total of 16 home invasions have occurred in Calgary this year, 15 of which are believed to be targeted attacks.
- All three suspects were wearing dark clothing and black balaclavas.

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News in brief

▶ Laurie Blakeman

Blakeman to seek leadership

CANDIDACY. Edmonton-Centre MLA Laurie Blakeman announced Thursday she will run for leadership of the Alberta Liberal Party.

Blakeman said in a statement that she wants the Liberals and the Alberta Party to work together, as the two have some similar goals.

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Openers blamed for break-ins

CRIME. Calgary residents are being warned about the risks of remote garage-door openers after a string of break-ins.

Thieves have used the devices to break into 12 northwest houses in the last six months, according to police.

Police are urging residents to store remote garage-door openers in safe locations.

Police also reported an 18 per cent increase in residential break-ins between December 2009 and December 2010.

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Stelmach shifts up cabinet

POLITICS. On Tuesday, when the spring sitting of the legislature begins, Verlyn Olson will walk into the building his grandfather helped build to sit for the first time on the front bench as Alberta's new justice minister.

Olson's promotion was among several changes announced by Premier Ed Stelmach.

Greg Weadick, the junior minister in advanced education, was promoted to replace Doug Horner as a minister of the department.

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Classic fans ticked off by ticket prices

Some fans feeling left outside to look in at Sunday's outside game ◐ Resellers asking $300 online

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KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO

▶ Disappointed Habs fan P.J. Lavergne said tickets for the Heritage Classic were too pricey, but he forked over $25 for Saturday's alumni game.

As Calgary hockey fans bundle up for this weekend's Heritage Classic festivities, ticket prices to the main event have some fans turning a cold shoulder.

Tickets to Sunday's outdoor hockey game between the Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens initially went on sale Dec. 10 with prices ranging from $111.95 to $269.45.

More tickets were released last week, but the price remained too high for fans like Kylie DaRoza, who attends roughly 15 Flames games every season.

"It's completely inconvenient," said DaRoza, who had planned to ask for tickets for her 18th birthday. "People that are paying $300 for a ticket are going to be sitting way up in the rafters. They are hardly going to get to see anything on the ice."

Across enemy lines, Canadiens fans were also facing prospects of draining their bank accounts for access to McMahon Stadium on Sunday.

P.J. Lavergne said he was born a Habs fan and would have welcomed the chance to attend — if only he could afford it.

"My disposable income doesn't even come close to that," he said of the prices. "It could definitely alienate some fans."

Heritage file

- The NHL sets the ticket prices for the Heritage Classic. Spokesman Jamey Horan said prices are comparable to other major Calgary sporting events like the Grey Cup and Stanley Cup Finals.
- Sellers on sites like eBay and Kijiji have listed tickets at upwards of $300.
- Parties will be held at numerous establishments around town for those unable to obtain tickets, including an afterparty at Flames Central.
- Families will be able to skate on the McMahon Stadium ice Feb. 25.

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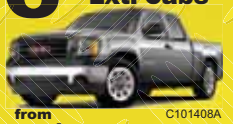

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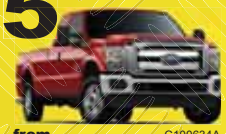

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Beware of avalanche risk, says official

Those looking to head to the mountains this Family Day long weekend should be aware of the risk of avalanches, according to one official.

Steve Holeczi, Parks Canada visitor safety specialist for Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks, said while the weather forecast doesn't indicate any immediate danger, caution should still be exercised when in the backcountry.

He suggested visiting websites such as avalanche.ca and parksmountainsafety.ca before heading out.

Several highways along the B.C.-Alberta border were closed last weekend due to avalanche risk, but Holeczi said he wasn't anticipating the same level of risk this weekend.

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Microscope lighting the way

Neurosurgeons at the University of Alberta can now check their work using a high-tech microscope that lights up blood vessels in the brain like neon.

It is the world's first surgical microscope built to allow doctors to check flow while still in surgery.

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Pharmacist threatened by man

An Airdrie pharmacist was threatened with a weapon Wednesday afternoon when a man demanded access to the store's narcotics.

The suspect, a five-foot-nine Caucasian male with a slight build, fled before getting any drugs when another employee yelled she was calling police. METRO

SOCIAL MEDIA ARE GAME CHANGERS

Opinion

DJ KELLY
THE SCRUTINEER

There's a movement afoot and it is going to affect the makeup of the Alberta legislature moving forward. Each of the three provincial parties without a leader now officially has someone running for the position.

That in and of itself isn't news, but what is of note is how they have each announced and how they've behaved in the hours immediately after that announcement. And it's that "how" that is beginning to tell the story of what kind of a general election we are going to see once the writ is dropped.

Instead of the old-school media release and speech attended only by close supporters, each candidate has opened up the campaign to the public from the get go.

For both Alison Redford and Doug Horner — Progressive Conservative hopefuls — the first act on their first day as a candidate was to create a Twitter account. Redford used it right away and made her big announcement on Twitter.

Social media are changing the face of how politics is done.

Alberta Party hopeful Glenn Taylor and PC MLA Doug Griffiths took it one step further and announced their intentions using a live video stream, so anyone in the province who wanted to see their speeches could do so. Those videos are available online, where visitors to their websites are able to share them with friends on Facebook or Twitter at the push of a button.

Griffiths, a social media veteran by any standard, started his second day as a candidate by sitting down for breakfast with political bloggers to tell his story to them directly. Redford spent the afternoon following her announcement doing sit-down interviews with Edmonton media outlets. One after the other, she told her story one-on-one.

These candidates know the world of politics is evolving and see the role social media can play as part of that evolution. As Griffiths explained during his blogger breakfast, the candidate who engages directly with as many Albertans as possible will have the greatest chance of winning the leadership contest — something he sees the social media tool very effective in achieving.

If this is where these candidates are starting, it will be interesting to see how their use of social media has developed by the time election day arrives.

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Speaking of social media, that's where you'll have to find me moving forward.

Today represents my last Metro column. I first started writing it to increase the public's knowledge of issues during the Calgary municipal election, but I quit my day job to do that. I've recently accepted a position with the City of Calgary and so it would be inappropriate for me to continue writing here every week.

I thank my editor Darren Krause for the opportunity to share my opinions over these past few months, and I know Metro will continue its dedication to local news long after my departure. See you online!

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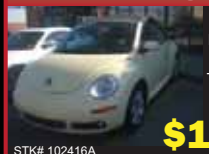

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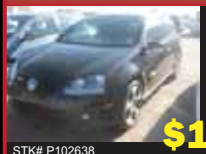

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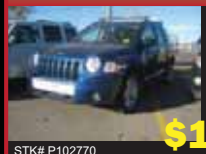

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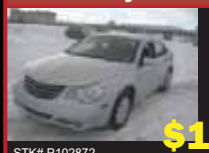

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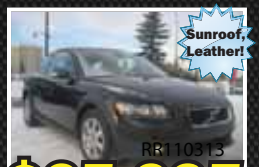

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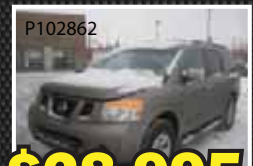

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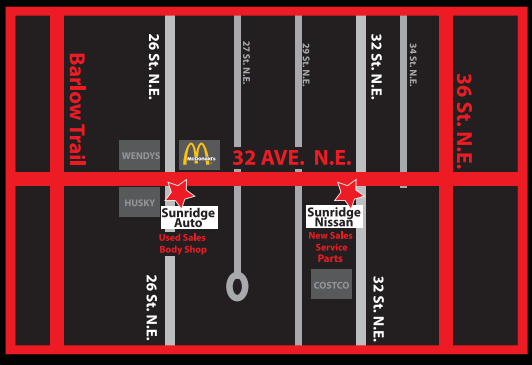

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Police college to go ahead: Premier

Premier Ed Stelmach is making good on the government's promise to build a police training college in Fort Macleod.

Stelmach told community leaders that construction of the college will begin by the summer of 2012 and there will be money for the project in the government's budget next Thursday.

The Police and Peace Officer Training Centre was first promised in 2006 and construction was supposed to begin in 2007, but the sod remains unturned.

The Town of Fort Macleod has been counting on the project to help bolster the area's economy and has already upgraded its water and sewage facilities. Stelmach told the southern Alberta community he knows the college has been a long time coming but said it will now move forward on land south of Fort Macleod on Highway 2.

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Man fights ticket in court and wins

A noisy motorcycle ticket has been overturned, leaving questions about the city's controversial noise bylaw.

Scott Young received a $250 ticket last summer because his motorcycle tested at more than 100 dB when the city's limit for an idling bike is 96 dB.

He challenged the ticket in court on Thursday – and won. The judge determined the testing was unfair because there was no evidence as to when it was done — when Young was pulled over or several hours earlier. Young said the bylaw was rushed and that likely most bikes are at and around the 96 dB mark. METRO

Classic a dream for many kids

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO

▶ Dwight Bitz and Conor Neal, both 10, of the Southland Cyclones will be two of 952 atom-age hockey players competing to play on Heritage Classic ice next week.

Two divisions with most votes compete on the Classic ice surface

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Most young hockey players dream of stepping onto NHL ice at some point in their life, but few get to do it at the age of 10.

For a few lucky Calgary kids, that dream will become reality on Feb. 25, when Atom teams go head-to-head during the first annual BT Outdoor Classic.

Hockey Calgary and Breakfast Television will host the 56-team tournament at rinks across the city and Calgarians will submit their votes for the divisions they want to see compete in the final.

"When we were picked, we were very excited to know that we might have a chance to play at the Stamps stadium," said Dianne Bitz, a hockey mom and team manager for the Southland Cyclones.

Bitz said her husband has had season tickets to the Stamps for 16 years and that to see their son Dwight play in the stadium would mean a lot.

"They're always up there, and to have the opportunity to possibly play there — it's all very exciting," she said.

Dwight, who along with his teammate Conor Neal will be going to watch the Heritage Classic game on Sunday, said his team would love play on the outdoor NHL surface.

"It was cool 'cause if we get to the finals we get to play on the outdoor rink, and it's really big, so there's lots of room," said Dwight, 10.

Neal, 10, echoed Dwight: "It's pretty exciting because if we win it will be pretty awesome to be on the rink where the Flames play."

Tournament

- **Atom** Of the 11 Atom divisions in Calgary, the first seven to enter the tournament were chosen. The first eight teams from each division will compete.
- **Divisions** To vote for the divisions you want to see compete, visit www.hockeycalgary.ca or www.btcalgary.ca.

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Tournament chance of a lifetime

President of Hockey Calgary Perry Cavanagh said the tournament is the chance of a lifetime for the young players.

"It's a great opportunity to really enjoy the game in its purest form, as it was meant to be, and that's just a wonderful outdoor experience, playing hockey in Canada," he said. "This isn't something that they're soon going to forget, that's for sure."

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▶ Two-year-old Kyron provides dad Shane Byciuk with plenty of light-hearted material for his daddy-blog.

Virtual baby book behind parent bloggers

Bloggers hope one day kids will see writings

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Forget traditional baby books decorated with ribbon and full of pictures, important dates and a lock of hair — blogs may well be the baby book of modern day parents.

"A lot of parents joke that it is the new rite of passage: it is the new baby book for parenting — writing about your kids and publishing it online," said Leanne Shirtliffe, a local Calgarian who has developed a healthy following for her parenting blog, Ironic Mom.

Shirtliffe isn't alone either, may Calgary parents have begun chronicling their adventures in parenting through blogs.

Shane Byciuk, known online as Calgary Daddy, said he keeps both a traditional baby book and the blog. "They are complimentary. The baby book is limited to milestone dates but the blog is an expansion of that theme because I can post pictures and video," said Bysiuk.

Gillian Ranson, a sociology professor at the University of Calgary, sees value in the tone of these blogs. "I think any kid would like to look back and see that their parents were having fun."

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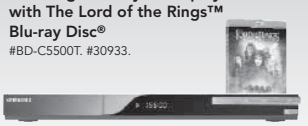

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Ruby goes for gold

Teen in Berlusconi sex scandal wants $20,340 for an interview
Says she's 'been hurt so much'

The Moroccan teenager at the centre of the Berlusconi sex scandal says "all the gold in the world" could not make up for the suffering she has endured.

In an email exchange with The Associated Press, the teen nicknamed Ruby the Heartstealer says she has been "treated as a prostitute by all the Italian and foreign media."

"I WANT TO BE COMPENSATED for having been hurt so much," Ruby, whose real name is Karima el-Mahroug, wrote to the AP in Italian.

Ruby, now 18, requested $20,340 for a full TV interview from the AP, saying: "I don't do anything for nothing."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was indicted Tuesday on charges he paid for sex with Ruby when she was 17 and under age, then used his influence to cover it up.

The abuse of influence charge relates to efforts by the premier to get Ruby out of the custody of Milan police when she was detained in May for an unrelated suspected theft.

His trial begins April 6 in Milan. Berlusconi, 74, has denied ever paying for sex. He has called the accusations "groundless."

Ruby has denied a sexual relationship with Berlusconi, saying he never "put a finger on me."

But she said he had given her $9,500 on their first meeting. Ruby said at the time she gave her age as 24, rather than 17.

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▶ Silvio Berlusconi has denied ever paying for sex. Teenager Ruby says she has been treated as a prostitute by the media.

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Peaceful protest ambushed

Bahrain bans gatherings ◗ Protesters: End Sunni monarchy, address problems facing Shiite majority

Troops and tanks locked down the capital of the tiny Gulf kingdom of Manama, Bahrain after riot police clubbed and fired tear gas at demonstrators. Many were sleeping, during the pre-dawn assault Thursday. Medical officials said four people were killed.

Hours after the attack the military announced a ban on gatherings, on state TV.

After several days of holding back, the island nation's Sunni rulers unleashed a heavy crackdown, trying to stamp out the first anti-government upheaval to reach the Arab states of the Gulf since the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. Police tore down tents, beating men and women and blasting shotgun sprays of birdshot.

It was a sign of how deeply the Sunni monarchy — and other regimes in the Gulf — fear the repercussions of a wave of protests, led by the country's Shiite majority, joined by growing numbers of discontented Sunnis.

The assault may only further enrage protesters, who before the attack had called for large rallies for Friday.

"We are even angrier now. They think they can clamp down on us, but they have made us angrier," Makki Abu Taki, whose son was killed in the assault, shouted in the hospital morgue.

"We yelled, 'We are peaceful! Peaceful!'" said protester Mahmoud Mansouri. "The women and children were attacked just like the rest of us."

Dr. Sadek Al-Ikri, 44, said he was tending to sick protesters at a makeshift medical tent in the square when the police stormed in. "They were beating me so hard I could no longer see. There was so much blood running from my head," he said.

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▶ Bahraini women cry outside a hospital in Manama, Bahrain, where victims of the confrontation between anti-government protesters and riot police are being treated.

News in brief

...y on 'day of rage'

GADHAFI. Libyan protesters seeking to oust Moammar Gadhafi defied a crackdown and took to the streets in four cities, including Tripoli, Thursday on what activists have dubbed a "day of rage." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands defy military, cleric

YEMEN. Several thousand Yemeni protesters defied appeals for calm from the military and the country's most influential Islamic cleric and marched through the capital on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security, Suez, worry Egypt

REFORMS. Protesting workers from the Suez Canal Authority, security troubles and new torture accusations from Amnesty International presented new problems Thursday for Egypt's military rulers and caretaker government. At least 1,500 demonstrated for better pay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Independent MP Andre Arthur disappeared from Parliament Hill after Thursday's ruling.

MP's rant racist: Court

The Supreme Court of Canada said independent MP Andre Arthur's on-air comments about cabbies of Arab, Haitian origin did not result in personal injury

The silence was deafening Thursday from the usually loquacious Andre Arthur.

The former radio shock jock-turned-independent MP dodged a huge legal bullet when the Supreme Court of Canada spared him paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to a group of Montreal taxi drivers.

But not before seven judges of the country's highest court branded as racist Arthur's 1998 on-air rant toward Haitian and Arab taxi drivers.

Arthur disappeared from Parliament Hill after Thursday's ruling. His lawyers in Montreal said he would not be saying anything further.

The court ruled that right-thinking people would not have taken Arthur's rhetoric seriously. "He had become known for his distasteful and provocative language," wrote Justice Marie Deschamps. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cigarette seizures against the law: Group

14M In early January, officials seized 14 million cigarettes from a property on the Montana First Nations near Hobbema in central Alberta.

Tobacco is fanning the flames of a dispute between what native people say is their sacred right and what the province maintains is within its jurisdiction.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations says the province doesn't have the authority to apply its tobacco tax laws on reserves and should butt out. The issue has been brought to the forefront with several highly publicized tobacco seizures in Western Canada.

"The provincial government attempt to assert ... jurisdiction over First Nations is unconstitutional," federation vice-chief Morley Watson said Thursday.

Tobacco enforcement officials seized 100 cartons of cigarettes earlier this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Border fees ruffle feathers

Estimates say fee would raise $110 million US in revenue Snowbirds irritated by added border issues

U.S. President Barack Obama wants to charge Canadians entering the U.S. by air or sea a $5.50 inspection fee. While private vehicles would be exempt, a fee would hinder trade and travel between the two countries, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper's voice was one of many as Canadians registered their disapproval with the American idea of requiring Canadian and Mexican air and sea travellers to pay a $5.50 fee every time they venture stateside.

Harper expressed empathy for the U.S. and its dismal fiscal state — a staggering $14-trillion national debt and annual deficits well in excess of a trillion dollars — but said "additional taxes" on Canadian travellers wouldn't solve anything.

"Some 40 per cent plus of the American spending is financed by borrowing. These are enormously challenging figures," he said.

"We want to ensure that trade and travel is easier, not more difficult, and we don't need additional taxes on that kind of economic activity."

Harper says the inspection fee is not a "useful" way to raise revenue.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper is served by David Chen, right, and his wife, Linna Lin, centre right, at their grocery store in Toronto on Thursday. Chen narrowly escaped charges after making a citizen's arrest on a shoplifter in his store in Toronto in 2010.

Citizen's arrests get protection from feds

Canadians who nab bad guys or act in self-defence could soon have better protection from legal reprisals, prompting concerns that people might be encouraged to take the law into their own hands.

In announcing the proposed measures on Thursday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said it simply wasn't fair for people to face prosecution for protecting themselves or making citizen's arrests.

Lawmakers may have wanted to "discourage vigilantism," Harper said, but current laws have created confusion and unfairness.

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▶ Jason Kenney suggests would-be newcomers over the age of 49 get no points for their age but people under the age of 35 get 12 points.

Kenney points the way

Minister wants to rejig immigration numbers game He will give points to would-be newcomers who speak one of our official languages

Future newcomers to Canada will be younger, less educated and more fluent in English or French if Ottawa's immigration proposals become a reality.

But the changes may skew the sources of Canadian immigration, says one expert.

"It looks like a big part of this is just a shift in source countries," said Mikal Skuterud, a professor at the University of Waterloo who closely tracks immigrants' progress.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney launched a month of public consultations Thursday on the proposed changes.

He wants to rejig the point system Canada uses.

Research shows the biggest factor in immigrants' financial success is the ability to speak an official language. So Kenney wants more points given for language proficiency.

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Tories accused of hiding cost of new crime laws

2,700
The government anticipates adding more than 2,700 beds to men's and women's prisons across Canada in coming years.

The parliamentary budget officer says MPs have been denied the information they need to evaluate the cost of anti-crime legislation.

Kevin Page told the Commons public safety committee Thursday there has not been "sufficient fiscal transparency" when it comes to weighing these expenditures.

The federal government says it will spend $2 billion over five years to absorb more prisoners due to stiffer sentencing provisions in new legislation.

The government didn't provide estimated costs until after the legislation became law and didn't include details on methodology, Page said.

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Her on-air gibberish a migraine

A TV reporter who lapsed into gibberish during a live shot outside the Grammys suffered a migraine, her doctors say.

Serene Branson was doing a standup Sunday when her speech became incoherent. It fuelled speculation that she suffered an on-air stroke.

"A migraine is not just a headache. It's a complicated brain event," said UCLA neurologist Dr. Andrew Charles.

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CRTC seeks input on screaming TV ads

No laws in Canada deal with TV ad volumes, though the U.S. and U.K. have rules ● More than 600 complaints in past three years

If you think TV ads are annoyingly loud or shrill, the CRTC wants to hear from you.

The federal regulator has invited viewers to offer opinions on the issue by April 18, with an eye to fixing the problem of commercials that sound louder than the programming they interrupt.

Loud ads are a "significant annoyance," said Konrad von Finckenstein, chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

"Viewers should not have to adjust the volume at every commercial break, and we will work with the broadcasting industry to find an acceptable solution."
KONRAD VON FINCKENSTEIN, CRTC CHAIRMAN

Last week, Conservative MP Nina Grewal tabled a private member's bill to require broadcasters to ensure volumes match between commercials and the accompanying show.

"It's a common complaint. You're watching a program at a comfortable volume, the program breaks for a commercial and suddenly you're jolted out of your seat by the loudness," she said at the time.

Asked about the bill, which will be discussed next month, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said he was sympathetic and the issue "is clearly on the minds of millions of Canadians."

On its web page, the CRTC lists a number of reasons TV ads may seem to scream while trying to sell.

They include audio compression levels that are set at maximum loudness and the fact that an ad may directly follow a tranquil moment in the program.

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14,640 Honda Fits recalled

Honda Canada is recalling 14,640 of its 2009 and 2010 Fit subcompact cars to replace lost motion springs.

The springs, which are compressed by rocker arms in normal engine use, may bend or break over time resulting in abnormal engine noise, engine damage or stalling.

Honda says there have been no reported accidents related to this issue in Canada.

It says owners of the affected vehicles should take their car to an authorized dealer as soon as they receive a notice by mail.

Canadian Fit owners can determine if their vehicle is in need of repair by calling toll free at 1-888-946-6329.

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New models. Civic pride

▶ Honda president and CEO Masahiro Takedagawa unveils the ninth-generation Honda Civic Si concept coupe on Thursday at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

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A great day in car land

The Chevrolet Cruze took top honours on Thursday as 2011 Canadian car of the year at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The Ford Edge took Canadian utility vehicle of the year, while the Mercedes-Benz SLS-class was named best new design. Ford took a second award for best new technology with its inflatable rear seatbelts. The show runs through Feb. 27.

Canadian wine sales closing in on beer

Wine consumption in Canada will grow six times faster than the global average over the next three years. And more Canadians are slaking their thirst with wine rather than beer, says a study released on Thursday in Toronto by Vinexpo, the world's largest wine trade show.

The 28-country study forecasts that wine sales will grow by 19 per cent in Canada through 2014, while worldwide sales will grow by three per cent.

Beer sales, meanwhile, have been falling for the past 20 years, Statistics Canada says. While beer remains Canada's tipple of choice, with more than $8.8 billion in sales and 46 per cent alcohol market share in 2009, that's down from a peak market share of 53 per cent in 1993.

During the same period, wine jumped to 29 per cent from 18 per cent of the market.

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▶ Jim Peplinski

5 MINUTES WITH: JIM PEPLINSKI

The Heritage Classic festivities begin this weekend with a number of events taking place, including the alumni game featuring the Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens. One of the players partaking is Flames legend Jim Peplinski.

Born in Ontario did you get a chance to play any outdoor games growing up?
I grew up outdoors learning the craft when I was really young, playing with guys who were much older. To this day I still have an appreciation for the older guys who let the young kids play and learn with them.

Is there anyone on the Montreal roster that you're looking forward to squaring off against, maybe with some unfinished business?
That ended 20 years ago ... now we're all lovers not fighters (laughs). When we get together now we remember how good we were and not the rivalries we had.

Today's NHL young guys have some crazy goal celebrations. Do you have anything planned for when you score a goal?
I am pretty traditional ... I celebrate a goal on the ice by getting out there and scoring another one.

Speaking of young guys, you have a new "swagger-filled" rookie on the alumni team in Craig Conroy. Do you have any initiations ready for him?
Craig recently practised for the first time with us and he appears to have what it takes to play on the alumni team. We'll have to see. It'll be a game-time decision if he plays or not (laughs). As far as initiations, we don't really have any anymore.

There are seven Flames captains on the roster. Have you guys talked about who will wear the "C" for the game?
We all will ... that's the beauty of getting older, we can really do whatever we want. There was a time when each person on the team had a different number and now with Conroy on the team we will actually have two No. 24s playing in the game.

Do you have any predictions as to what the final score will be?
This game is really about a bunch of getting "old men" who decided to play with some old pals and rivals and include as many supporters and fans as we can. It's a way to thank the fans for years of support. It's not about who wins or loses, it's about playing a game.

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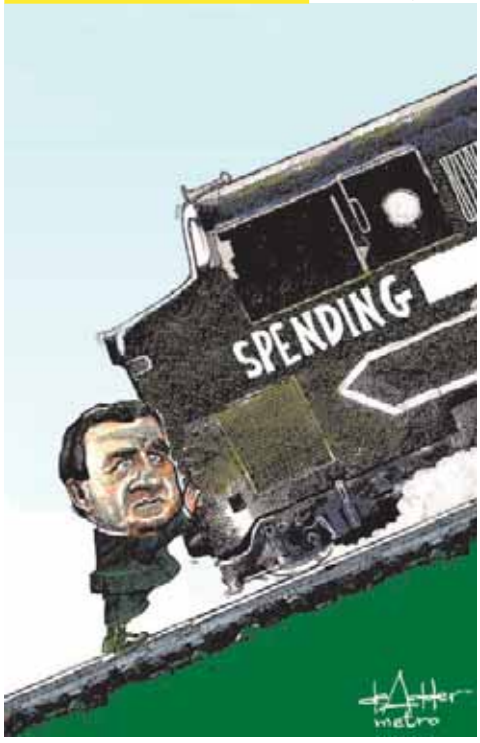

Saves on dishwashing

Worth mentioning

Ice age Britons drank from human skulls and may even have eaten flesh and bone marrow, but they were far from barbarians.

That's the conclusion of experts studying the oldest known examples of "skull cups," found in a cave in southwest England.

The bowls look almost like works of art, ritual items laced with meaning. Look more closely, however, and it becomes clear they are made from human skulls. Scientists say they are the oldest known carbon-dated skull cups, said by experts to be about 14,700 years old.

British scientists writing in the Public Library of Science journal maintain the cups were fashioned in such a meticulous way that the only credible explanation for their manufacture is that they were used as bowls to hold liquid. If the hunters and gatherers simply wanted to eat the deceased person's brains, there would have been far easier ways to get at them, scientists said.

Experts believe the rare cups — two made from adults skulls, one from a child thought to be about three years old — were used in some sort of ritual, as was common in many parts of the world.

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Far from barbarians

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Metro Minute at The Art Of Hockey

As thousands of hockey fans prepare to descend on McMahon Stadium for the Heritage Classic, a local art gallery is also getting into the spirit.

Gibson Fine Art and The Gerry Thomas Gallery will unveil The Art Of Hockey Friday evening, featuring the works of artist Bill Brownridge.

The event will include a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Calgary Flames Foundation. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar.

The opening begins at 6 p.m. and the exhibit will be open until March 11.

The gallery is located at 628–11th Ave. SW and is generally open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. METRO

Three days to play

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT THE HERITAGE CLASSIC?

Steve Haggelad
CALGARY
Bringing it back outdoors is really cool, and hopefully a quiet weekend for emergency services.

Melanie Consul
CALGARY
I do like the kickback to old hockey because new NHL, full-stream hockey sucks and I can't stand watching it. So, actually, the Heritage Classic is a really good break.

Will James and Anne shine on Oscar night?

The Reel Guys debate the interesting selection of James Franco and Anne Hathaway as Oscar hosts

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

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Richard Crouse: Mark, I have to say I don't really care who hosts the Oscars. For me the show is about the movies, not the hosts. But I think the choice of Anne Hathaway and James Franco is kind of intriguing, especially since Franco said publicly, "If it's the worst Oscar show ever, who cares?" With that attitude he may bring some much needed danger to the proceedings.

Mark Breslin: Sorry, Richard, I cannot agree! The Oscar hosts are incredibly important to the show. How else are we going to get through the awards for Best Documentary Short, Best Sound Editing and the Jean Hirshholt Humanitarian Award without a little comedy, a little song and a little dance? Which make Franco and Hathaway interesting choices because they don't do any of those things. Then again, anything has to be better than last year's wheezy Steve Martin/Alec Baldwin duo. The big question is, will Franco and Hathaway open with a Black Swan parody in matching tutus?

RC: I can't say if they'll start things off with matching tutus, but I think it is a safe bet that leading up to the category Franco is nominated in this year, Best Actor for 127 Hours, there will be jokes about how "disarmingly" handsome he is, or how he "single-handedly" made the movie a success. Wait for those groaners. What everybody wants is for Billy Crystal to come back and host. He's funny, he's likeable, he's a movie star — well, he used to be, anyway — and he keeps the pace of the show chugging along at a nice clip. Hathaway and Franco are both capable performers, but will they be able to keep things moving along?

MB: Yes, Billy Crystal could have been made Oscar Host For Life. But I guess he doesn't mean much overseas except for select neighbourhoods in Tel Aviv. But here's a question: In the Dead Meal Tickets section, which deceased actor will get the greatest applause? Dennis Hopper or Tony Curtis?

RC: The tributes section is always a favourite of mine, but it does often feel as though someone is standing off stage with an Applause-O-Meter judging who gets the biggest reaction. This year? Who knows, maybe Hopper and Curtis will cancel one another out and leave a little love for departed Canadian Corey Haim. Even in death it seems the Oscars are still a giant popularity contest.

Hosting tips

Mark Breslin, the founder of Yuk Yuk's, has five tips for Oscar host Anne Hathaway and James Franco to warm up the crowd.

1. Open with a Song. Always worked for Billy Crystal.
2. Make a self-deprecating joke.
3. Go into the audience and talk directly to celebs.
4. Do a little dance. Make a little love. Get down tonight.
5. Lots of topical jokes about the business — not the art — of the Hollywood movie.

Want to weigh-in on the Academy Awards just like the Reel Guys? Take the Metro Life Panel Survey for a chance to win a PlayStation 3. Register at metrolifepanel.ca and a survey will be emailed to you.

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▶ James Franco and Anne Hathaway are set to host the Academy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 27.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Jessica Alba and her husband, Cash Warren, are expecting their second child. Alba announced the news Wednesday on her Facebook page and Twitter account. The 29-year-old actress wrote on the social networking site: "I thought I'd drop by to let you all in on some exciting news. Honor is going to be a Big Sister!" She added: "Cash and I are thrilled."

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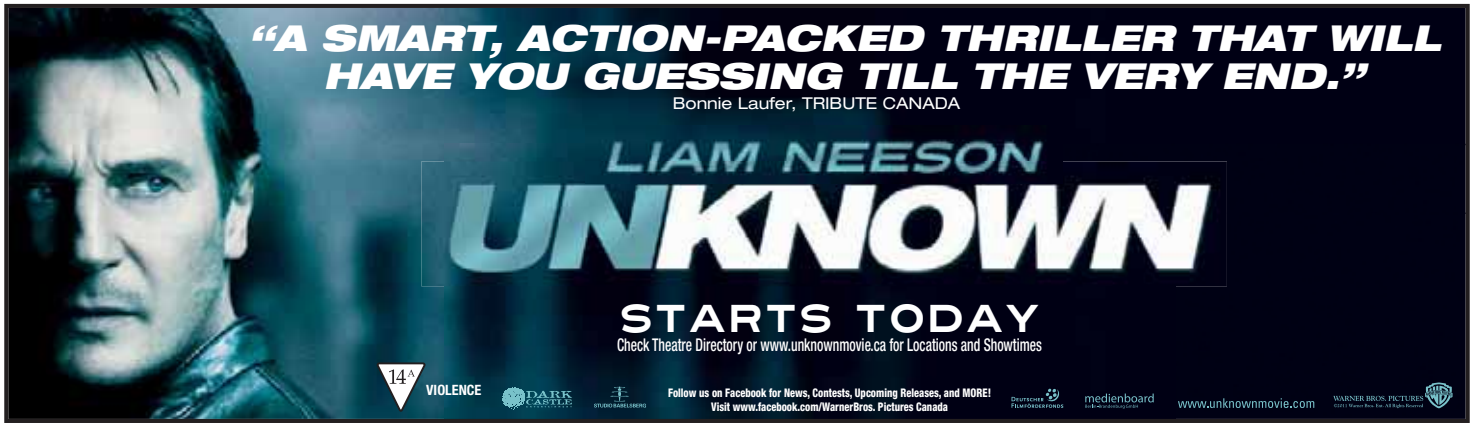
Oscar-nominated costumes, other outfits from 2010 movies on view at fashion museum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Hall Pass stars bond on the set

Wilson and Sudeikis sound like an old married couple after filming a movie about getting a week off marriage

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

The Farrelly brothers' latest comedy, Hall Pass, teams up Owen Wilson and Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis as friends given a week off from marriage by their wives, so the two actors knew they'd be seeing a lot of each other. Metro sat down for a chat with the chummy co-stars to talk about the film — and tried to get a word in edgewise.

You guys have a great rapport. It's sort of the —
Jason Sudeikis: (to Owen) I told you!
Owen Wilson: Convince me.

OK, Owen. What did you think was wrong with your rapport with Jason?
OW: Well, no, I think that it was ... Right from the beginning it seemed like, even when we just spoke on the phone, we were going to get along. Also, his schedule is so crazy, having to leave and stuff. He was constantly the new kid. New cliques had formed, and I had to put my arm around him — "Come here! You can still sit here at lunch!"
JS: (to Owen) I remember the first couple weeks, you were like, "God, now I know what it feels like to be from a broken home. Someone goes away and they show up whenever, all willy-nilly."
OW: It really was hard. Like, "God, I can't wait to see Jason ... Oh, he's not here?"

Given your obvious rapport, how was it working with Farrelly brothers as far as improvising material?
OW: They were pretty encouraging for you to try stuff.
JS: Absolutely.
OW: But they definitely wanted to try to get one as scripted, and we could because it was a good, funny script. But yeah.

▶ Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis star in Hall Pass.

JS: It wasn't so much improvised like the cameras rolling and you're just burning film. It's usually a discussion.

That muscle gets worked a lot at SNL, so I feel fairly decent at trying to throw my hat in there. It's tough to just run a can of film and expect gold to come out.

There were too many good, thoughtful writing brains on that set to just blue-sky it like that.

The Farrelly brothers have mentioned you guys played a lot of games on set.
OW: They do a game. You know how the newspaper puts people whose birthday it is? He would say whose birthday it was, and then you'd guess how old. And Pete Farrelly dominated.
JS: Like in golf scores, the lowest score wins.

Maybe he just sits home and memorizes people's ages.
JS: He was so good at it, you could almost accuse him of that.
OW: He won so much money.

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Fichtner takes a drive into hell

Actor enjoyed chance to play the devil's right-hand man Said it's not a role you can do much research for

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When the script for Drive Angry fell into the lap of William Fichtner, the familiar face from films like Date Night and TV's Prison Break knew he just had to be in the movie.

"Cool part, that's what I thought," explained Fichtner recently in Toronto about playing the devil's right-hand man in the hardcore thriller. "(There's) really no reference point for playing a character like that. It's not like you can call someone up and go, 'You worked in hell for three years, tell me what's going on.'"

A stylized 3-D action flick, Drive Angry casts Nicolas Cage as a mysterious man whose search for his kidnapped granddaughter leads him to a satanic cult even while he's tracked by Satan's own accountant (Fichtner).

"(He's) very quiet but he's really prepared. He definitively knows what he wants and on (shooting) day, he wants to come out and get it right off the bat and I love that."
WILLIAM FICHTNER ON NICOLAS CAGE

As supernatural as that sounds, the film's origin was actually inspired by the rawness of 1970s action films featuring Steve McQueen and Charles Bronson.

"Those were my high school/college years so I loved (those movies)," admitted Fichtner. "As far as the 3-D goes, I don't think I knew (it was 3-D) until a week before we started shooting. My first thought was 'is that good?'"

In this case, it is good. Delivered by the same creative team behind 2009's My Bloody Valentine, Drive Angry (which opens next Friday) utilizes 3-D to full effect hurling ceaseless action in the viewer's face.

"They're a lot more fun to watch than they are to do," admitted the actor about making action movies like Drive Angry. But while filming intense fight scenes and muscle-car chases may be exhausting, Fichtner wouldn't trade it in for the world. "I love making movies; there's nothing that I love more than sitting on a set thinking 'this is just so cool'… and Drive Angry had so much of that."

▶ William Fichtner stars in Drive Angry 3D.

Recognized

William Fichtner on what role he's most recognize for:

"I get a lot in airports 'where did you go to school?'" laughed Fichtner. "Yesterday I was walking down the street here in Toronto and somebody came up and quoted a line from an obscure little comedy I did years ago called Drowning Mona. Now that's cool!"

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Four not number one

I Am Number Four
Genre: Science-Fiction
Director: D.J. Caruso
Stars: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant, Dianna Agron
⊕½

Isn't it amazing that some movies can fill the screen with action, special effects, and beautiful young actors, and yet somehow still be mind-numbingly boring? I Am Number Four is one of these special cases, a blatant attempt to launch the next teen-driven fantasy franchise like Twilight. The trouble is no one bothered to find source material that will captivate the target audience. Though adapted from a moderately popular novel, work began on the film before the book was published.

Alex Pettyfer stars as a supposedly average teen who is secretly one of the last surviving members of an extinct alien race that is being hunted by another group of aliens. The main problem is that the filmmakers are going for the Spiderman effect of having the audience care equally about the characters' humdrum daily lives and the fantasy world. Sadly, nothing in the "real" sections feel genuine, and the young actors are painfully dull, making this impossible. Sure there are some nice big expensive set pieces, but with no one that the audience can identify with, who cares?

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Biutiful
Genre: Drama
Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
Stars: Javier Bardem, Maricel Alvarez, Guillermo Estrella
⊕⊕⊕⊕

Writer/director Alejandro González Iñárritu departs from his usual multi-character epics to focus on a single man (Javier Bardem) struggling to come to terms with his low-level criminal existence and set things right with his children before succumbing to cancer. Iñárritu transforms the material into a starkly realistic character study with fleeting moments of emotionally-driven surrealism.

PHIL BROWN

Unknown
Genre: Thriller
Director: Jaume Collet-Serra
Stars: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger
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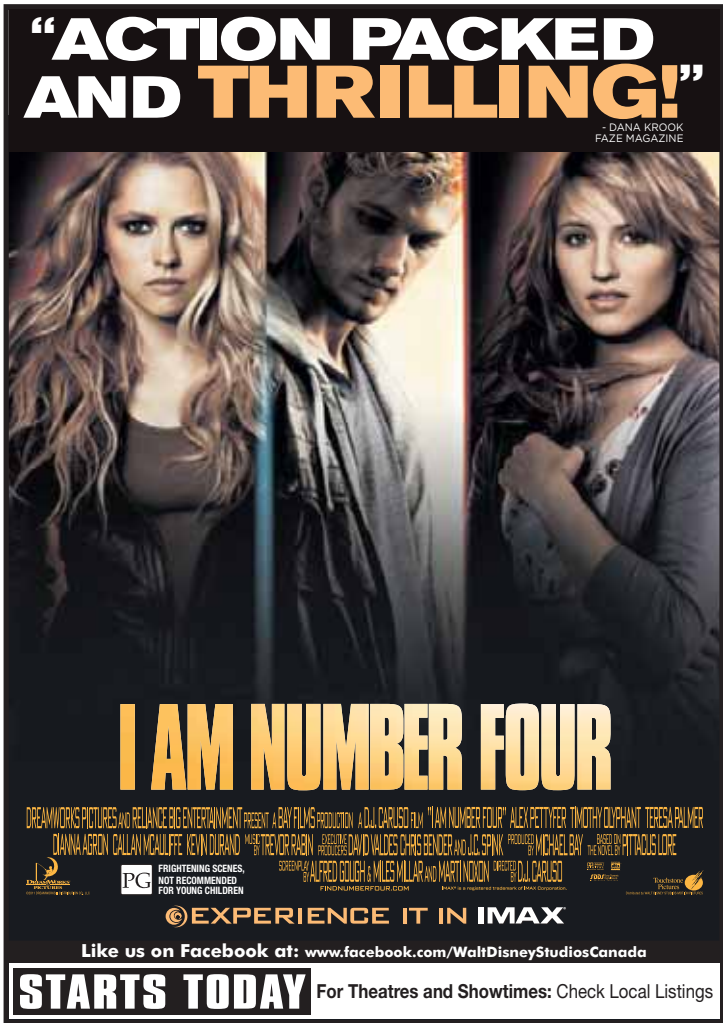
A bit of a twist on The Bourne Identity, Unknown tells the story of one man (Liam Neeson) who wakes from a coma in Germany only to discover someone has stolen his identity. And as if that wasn't bad enough, nobody recognizes him (even his wife) and maniac assassins want him dead. The secret is mostly kept hidden until the film's conclusion but for all its clandestine effectiveness, Unknown feels rather heavy-handed in its plotting.

STEVE GOW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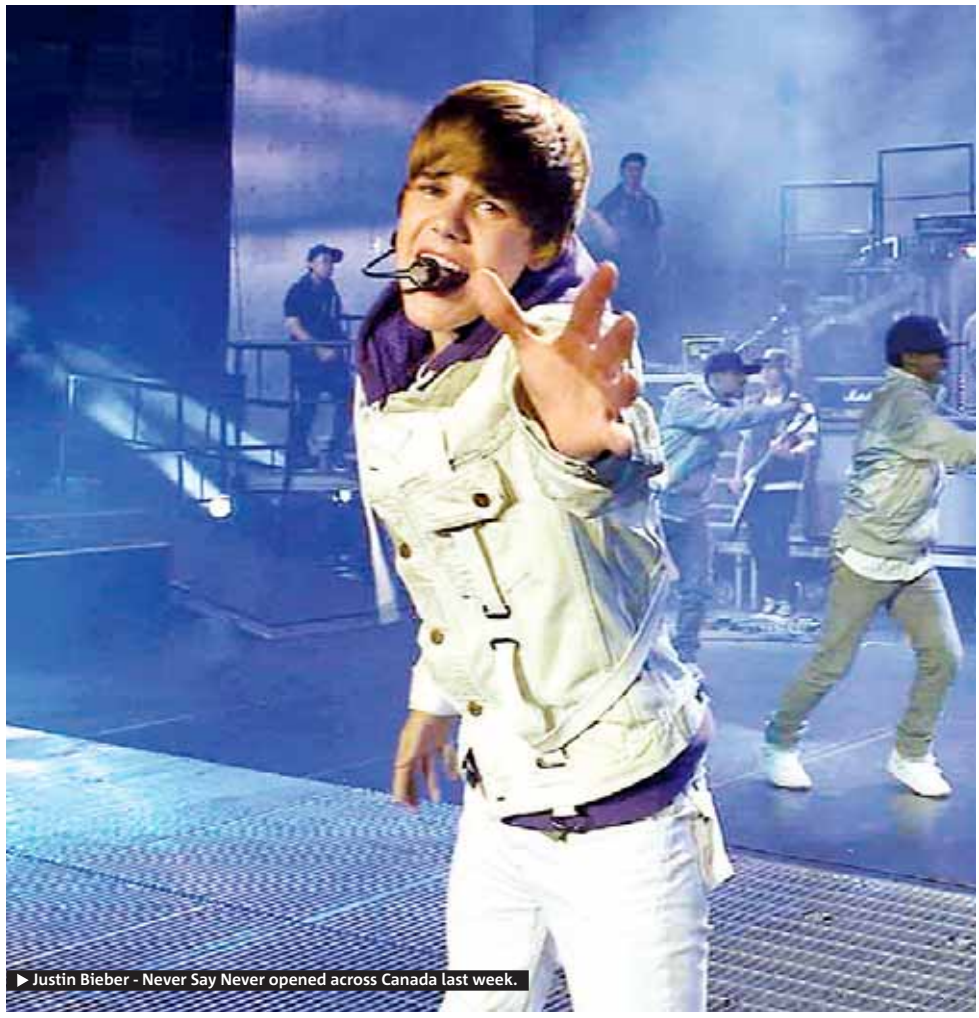
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Top 5 Presidents Day movies

While we don't celebrate Presidents Day here in Canada, it's a great excuse for a presidential movie marathon Here's a look at five favourite commanders in chief, as depicted on the big screen And you don't have to be American to appreciate these classic performances

Every possible kind of U.S. president has been depicted on screen: corrupt ones and honourable ones, real ones and fictional ones.

So with Presidents Day coming, it's as good a chance as any to say hail to the chief. Here's a look at five favourite movie presidents.

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1

Henry Fonda in Fail-Safe (1964)
Not that it's surprising, but Fonda is everything you'd want in a president. He's decisive but even-tempered, commanding but kind, and he even shows a sense of humour. He is, in short, a good man.

And when he has to make the most difficult choices imaginable in the face of nuclear annihilation, he's calm and gracious every step of the way.

Sidney Lumet's stripped-down, gripping drama envisions a world on the brink of disaster when machines fail and the humans assigned to run them are filled with Cold-War mistrust.

2

Peter Sellers in Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964)
Stanley Kubrick's biting political satire allows Sellers to show off his comic genius and the breadth of his transformative powers in not one but three distinct parts: as the proper British Group Captain Lionel Mandrake, the volatile former Nazi Dr. Strangelove and President of the United States Merkin Muffley.

This last role is actually his most subdued — in a room full of mad characters, Sellers serves as the understandably horrified voice of reason.

3

Kevin Kline in Dave (1993)
One of Kline's best performances in one of the best films Ivan Reitman ever directed and Gary Ross ever wrote. Like Sellers in Dr. Strangelove, Kline has multiple jobs here: He stars as Dave Kovic, a mild-mannered guy who runs a temp agency.

But Dave happens to look exactly like President Bill Mitchell, and is secretly called on to impersonate Mitchell when the president suffers a stroke. Dave makes the most of this challenge, cutting the budget, bringing a new, upbeat tone to the Oval Office and even falling for the first lady.

4

John Travolta in Primary Colors (1998)
This is a bit of a cheat, because for a long time, Travolta is playing a candidate for president. But he's clearly patterned on Bill Clinton, and Travolta's performance is dead-on.

With the combination of Mike Nichols' direction and his longtime collaborator Elaine May's script, of course Primary Colors is going to be sharp and insightful. But Travolta brings the film to life — and does some of the best work of his career — as Gov. Jack Stanton.

He's charming as hell in that smooth, Southern way, but he's also flawed and self-destructive, with a weakness for women.

5

Josh Brolin in W (2008)
A rather conventional biopic, but Brolin's so good, he almost makes us feel sorry for George W. Bush. Almost.

He certainly gets the innate humour within the frequent buffoonery — and he's got the voice and the demeanour down pat — but he also seems to recognize the tragedy of this figure, a man who was in way over his head.

Director Oliver Stone offers a surprisingly fair and balanced assessment of the 43rd president — that basically all he wanted to do was watch baseball and drink beer all day, and instead ended up being chosen as leader of the free world. Twice.

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Oh the humanity!

Computer whips us at Jeopardy, but there's still a place for people, right?

Machines first out-calculated us in simple math. Then they replaced us on the assembly lines, explored places we couldn't get to, even beat our champions at chess. Now a computer called Watson has bested our best at Jeopardy!

▶ Jeopardy contestants pose with Watson, the IBM-created megabrain, who beat the veteran champs with a total of $77, 147 over two exhibition matches.

A gigantic computer created by IBM specifically to excel at answers-and-questions left two champs of the TV game show in its silicon dust after a three-day tournament, a feat that experts call a technological breakthrough.

Watson earned $77,147, versus $24,000 for Ken Jennings and $21,600 for Brad Rutter. Jennings took it in stride writing, "I for one welcome our new computer overlords" alongside his correct Final Jeopardy answer.

The next step for the IBM machine and its programmers: taking its mastery of the arcane and applying it to help doctors plow through blizzards of medical information. Watson could also help make Internet searches far more like a conversation than the hit-or-miss things they are now. Watson's victory leads to the question: What can we measly humans do that amazing machines cannot do or will never do?

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TV picks

Banking on busted cars

INVESTIGATIVE Marketplace looks into what it calls the best kept secret in the car insurance industry: diminished value payments. Co-host Tom Harrington investigates why some companies try to avoid making full payments for vehicles that have been in a major collision.
(Friday, CBC)

Karl goes to Cairo

COMEDY The recent political upheaval in Egypt makes this week's episode of the comedic travel show An Idiot Abroad all the more interesting. Karl visits the pyramids, tries on some traditional Egyptian garb, and experiences the markets and nightlife in Cairo.
(Friday, Discovery)

Get Spliced on Saturday

SCI-FI FLICK If you haven't caught the Genie-nominated Splice then tonight's your chance. In the creepy sci-fi thriller, starring Sarah Polley and Adrien Brody, genetic scientists conduct an experiment with human DNA and a new creature, named Dren, is born. But Dren won't be tamed and soon gets out of control. (Saturday, TMN MXS)

Veteran comic goes solo

COMEDY Comic Patrice O'Neal, who has guested on Chappelle's Show, Arrested Development and The Office, is now getting star billing in his own comedy special, Patrice O'Neal: Elephant in the Room. O'Neal riffs on cheating, safe sex and all sorts of raunchy subjects. (Saturday, Comedy Network)

A little labour for the leaders

REALITY Political leaders walk a kilometre in some average Joes' shoes in Make the Politician Work. Tonight, Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie leaves his comfortable office in the legislature to experience work at a remote open-pit copper mine. (Sunday, CBC)

Amazing Race returns

REALITY The ratings winner Amazing Race returns for an 18th season and brings back some past competitors. (Sunday, CTV)

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What's sizzlin' on the small screen

With all this terrible weather you've probably gone into hibernation
Why not check out the midseason's new and returning shows to watch while you're cozied up inside

HOT FRIENDS

Matthew Perry and Matt LeBlanc make their return to TV comedy with Perry serving as the self-involved manager of a sports arena in Mr. Sunshine and LeBlanc playing a heightened version of himself in the Hollywood-skewering Episodes. But neither, they realize, can escape the Friends phenomenon.

"I don't think people want to see a character that's night-and-day different than Chandler, but we want to try to do some different things," says Perry, who also had a hand in creating his new series. "So you want to take advantage of that something that worked before, but you also want to show something new."

In Episodes, LeBlanc is embracing the past.

"My only reservation was playing myself," he says. "I didn't really understand what they meant by that, and they assured me it was not a documentary. And once I got my head around that, it started to become really fun to push the envelope and poke fun."

Mr Sunshine airs Mondays on CTV. Episodes airs Monday nights on The Movie Network.

HOT CONTROVERSY

"I was really happy and proud to be on a show that represented teenage life to the full extent," Ron Mustafaa, star of the drama Skins, told TV critics. Since its debut, the show has lost numerous advertisers due to its portrayal of teen antics. "We think the real controversy here should be for TV geeks fretting over how much of a copy the show's first couple episodes have been to the original British version," creator Bryan Elsley wrote on a Huffington Post blog.

Skins airs Monday nights on The Movie Network.

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HOT COPS

A police superintendent (Jennifer Beals) and her former partner (Jason Clarke) fight on the streets and up through the The Chicago Code. "I like the idea of approaching crime from the top," says series creator Shawn Ryan (The Shield). "And I liked the idea of approaching it from the perspective of a female character."
The Chicago Code airs Monday nights on Global.

HOT NEIGHBOURS

Lisa Ling travels the country investigating "outsider" culture in America, from sex offenders to drug addicts in Our America with Lisa Ling. "We set out to try and understand or explore what it really means to be an American. And I really feel like this has been the culmination of everything I've ever learned as a journalist," she says.
Our Amerca with Lisa Ling airs on OWN.

HOT COUPLES

Ben (Jason Biggs) loves Kate (Sarah Chalke), but their best friends Connie (Judy Greer) and Larry (Tyler Labine) can't stand each other on Mad Love. And while Chalke, Greer and Labine are sitcom vets, tackling romantic comedy on the small screen is new territory for Biggs.
Mad Love airs Mondays on CBS.

HOT HARVEST FESTIVAL

By setting up an ultimatum this season on Parks and Recreation— Leslie's (Amy Poehler) Harvest Festival has to be a success or the Pawnee parks department will be eliminated — the comedy has become must-see for reasons other than its superb, subtle humour.
Parks and Recreation airs Thursday nights on Citytv.

HOT JUSTICE

Can U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant) do his job without shooting someone? That would be a mighty feat in this Old Western-style crime drama Justified, especially in Season 2, according to creator Graham Yost.
Justified airs Wednesdays on FX and starts this Monday night on Channel.

HOT MESS

In Shameless, William H. Macy plays the drunken, free-loading patriarch of a gazillion (OK, six) kids who are essentially raised by the eldest sister (Emmy Rossum) and somehow remain a loving, functional family. "I've got the role of the century here," Macy exclaims.
Shameless airs Monday nights on The Movie Network

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▶ Arcade Fire singers Edwin Farnham Butler III, left, and Regine Chassagne

Arcade told to parlez Francais

Fete Nationale organizers say Arcade Fire can perform — but not in English

They may be the toast of the music world but, if they ever want to play the Fete Nationale celebration in their own hometown, Arcade Fire won't be allowed to do it in English.

Organizers of Montreal's Fete Nationale celebration say the band would have to sing their songs in French, like any other act playing at the festival for Quebec's annual holiday.

The chief organizer said Wednesday that the Grammy-winning band would be welcome to play the June 24 event if they wanted to.

"As long as they conform to certain guidelines," Luc Savard, director general of the event, told The Canadian Press.

When asked whether those guidelines included not singing in English, and performing in French instead, Savard replied, "Voila."

The question of whether Arcade Fire will attend is actually moot for this year: the group will be touring Europe this summer, and Savard says this year's acts are already booked anyway.

Arcade Fire does include the occasional French line in its songs but the band, and its U.S.-born frontman, sing almost exclusively in English.

When they took to the stage at the Grammys they expressed thanks, in English and French, to the city of Montreal and later gushed to reporters backstage about their love for the place.

After winning the best-album Grammy this week, the group went on to England where they were named the top international band at the BRIT awards.

The group's success has touched off political reaction back home.

There was a congratulatory motion this week in Quebec's national assembly, applauding the band's accomplishments.

But some published opinion pieces mused that the bilingual hipster band reflected qualities of Montreal — a bilingual, hipster city — that are rarely recognized, let alone celebrated, by a political elite more focused on linguistic differences.

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Arcade trivia

▶ Did you know that lead singer Edwin Butler, who grew up in Texas, has lived for almost a decade in Montreal, where he met his wife and fellow band member, Regine Chassagne.

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The song doesn't remain the same

Your favourite rock heroes have gone through a whole lotta changes

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You don't maintain a 40-year career in the music business without reinventing yourself every once in a while. Former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant is the most recent rock veteran to undergo a seemingly effortless transition into another successful phase of his career, with his second bluegrass flavoured album, Band of Joy. Here we look at the drastic changes he's made throughout his tenure in the music industry and the drastic changes of some of his peers.

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Robert Plant

First contact: As the singer for Led Zeppelin in the '60s and '70s, Plant and pals basically define how hard rock should sound.

First change: After Zep's breakup in 1980, Plant made a string of solo albums with a decidedly modern feel, eschewing the emphasis on guitars that made his band such a hit.

Big surprise: Plant's 1985 EP with the Honeydrippers was '50s covers. The song Sea of Love became his biggest hit, which reportedly upset the singer, as he feared he'd be known for this style.

New horizons: Raising Sand, Plant's first foray into bluegrass with singer Alison Krauss, is a commercial success and wins the Album of the Year Grammy in 2009. This halts any plans of a Zep reunion tour.

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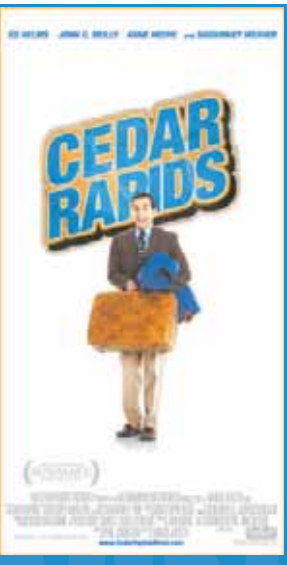

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Neil Young

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First contact: In the '60s, Young established himself as a solo artist, a guitarist for Buffalo Springfield and a collaborator with Crosby, Stills and Nash.

First change: Singing in an electronic voice against synthesizers, 1982's Trans album didn't sound like anything he'd done before.

Big surprise: His follow-up, Everybody's Rockin', was all rockabilly tunes; it was so un-Neil Young that his label sued him for making music unrepresentative of himself.

New horizons: As grunge became popular in the '90s, Young was cited as a major inspiration. It seemed to help him reclaim his past, while experimenting further.

David Bowie

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First contact: Bowie's 1969 ode to astronauts, Space Oddity, laid the groundwork to show us that this was one weird artist worth watching. For 40 years, he has not disappointed.

First change: One of his first ch-ch-ch-changes was his invention of the alter-ego persona Ziggy Stardust, whom he used to dress up as throughout the early '70s.

Big surprise: After a decade of artsy reinventions and experiments, in the '80s, Bowie resurfaced with Let's Dance, a slick pop look and sound.

New horizons: Bowie has continued to push boundaries, dabbling in noise rock and electronica with good results. However, he hasn't released an album of new material since 2003's Reality.

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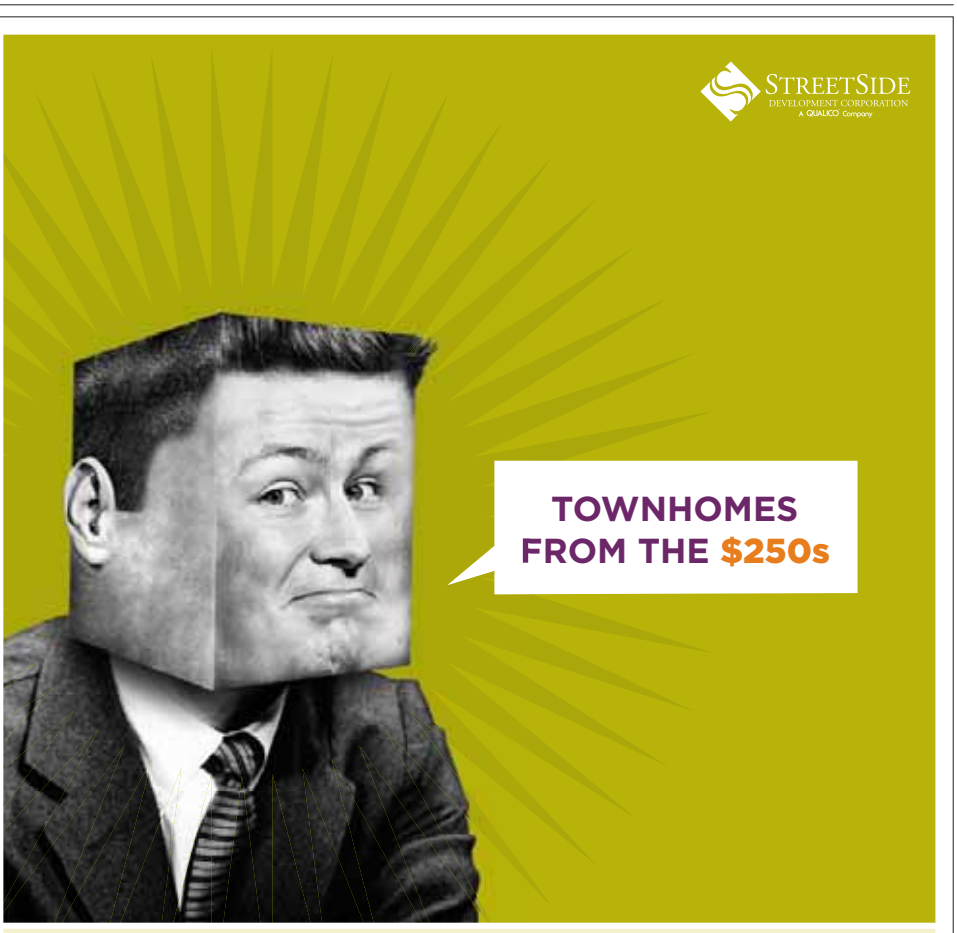
Bob Dylan

First contact: Arriving on the scene in 1962, Dylan's poetic original lyrics and folk guitar accompaniment make him a hero to a generation of aspiring folkies.

First change: In 1965, Dylan is ready for his times to be a-changin' — he plays an electric guitar at the Newport Folk Festival, upsetting many fans.

Big surprise: Three-way tie between 1969's country-tinged Nashville Skyline, his 1979 born-again Christian LP, Slow Train Coming and 2009's Christmas in the Heart.

New horizons: Dylan continues to tour and release albums. As anybody who has witnessed him live or listened to his latest releases will tell you, both pursuits are of varying quality.



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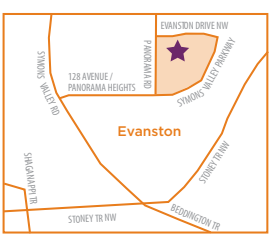

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Mel's ex awaits verdict

Could face jail time if found guilty of extortion

Los Angeles sheriffs have wrapped up a seven-month investigation into whether Oksana Grigorieva extorted ex-boyfriend Mel Gibson for millions of dollars using recorded phone calls in which he was verbally abusive and threatening, according to People magazine.

Investigators also looked into claims that Gibson was physically abusive to Grigorieva. Prosecutors will now decide how to proceed, and if Grigorieva is found guilty of extortion, she could face several years in prison. METRO

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▶ Oksana Grigorieva and Mel Gibson, in happier times.

Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton [@Paris Hilton]

The car is amazing! But yellow! So not my style! Ha. Then he had the real present pulled up, the lexus in a beautiful pearl white.

Tom Arnold [@Tom Arnold]

I'm glad the little guys won, but I hope they like us

Frankie Muniz [@frankie muniz]

I love the World we live in. You get death threats for having an opinion!

Ben Stiller [@RedHour Ben]

I wonder if Sean Connery went to see Never Say Never and then watched it again. METRO

Halle, Gabriel set aside differences — for now

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▶ Halle Berry

Despite what's become a bitter custody battle and war of words, Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry seem to be putting their differences aside for the sake of their daughter, according to Radar Online.

"Gabriel and Halle even resumed talking again last week, and it seems that Halle is going to be making it easier for Gabriel to spend time with Nahla, which has been a sticking point between the two up till now," a source says.

"Hopefully this is the start of the two of them being able to form some kind of workable co-parenting relationship for the sake of their daughter." METRO

Fantasia snubbed at Grammy's?

While she was nominated for a Grammy — and won — Fantasia Barrino decided to sit out the ceremony because she wasn't invited to be part of the star-studded Aretha Franklin tribute that opened the show, she tells BET.

"They were honouring someone who was my idol, and there is no way I could have sat there and not got the happy feet and wanted to jump on the mic because she is my favourite," she says. "I felt like, you know, at the end of the day I should have been on that stage." METRO

Talking points

CBS duped by Lohan's dad

Executives at CBS claim they were duped by someone in Lindsay Lohan's inner circle into believing that the troubled actress would appear on David Letterman's show to read the Top 10 List, and it turns out that certain someone was her dad, Michael Lohan.

"Someone purporting to be a friend of Lindsay's reached out to the show, allegedly on her behalf, and booked her to appear," a statement from CBS reads. "Clearly, this person was not authorized to make commitments on her behalf."

In his defense, Michael says Lindsay liked the idea, but it was shot down by her handlers. "Anything positive that I bring into her life ... [her people] try to nix it," he says. METRO

It's a boy for Natalie

Natalie Portman is reportedly expecting a baby boy with fiancée Benjamin Millepied, according to Life & Style.

"They've only told a very small group of family members and friends that they're expecting a son," a source tells the magazine. "They are so excited. Benjamin cannot wait to be a father."

Portman, who is due in the spring or early summer, opted to skip last week's British Acadamy of Film and Television Awards in London because of her pregnancy. METRO

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Fitness challenge

Follow the progress of Metro writer Heather Buchan as she tests out the new Ubisoft game for Xbox Kinect — Your Shape Fitness Evolved — and compares it to the experiences of having a real trainer.

The fitness-simulation program displays your image on the screen, tracks your movements and offers various classes complete with a virtual trainer.

Buchan will do similar activities with her own personal trainer.

Her second story appears on metronews.ca today and will conclude with a wrap-up story on Feb. 28.

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When the outside matches the inside

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Though no one knows better than I that you can't judge a wine by its looks, that hasn't stopped me from being a closet fan of eye-catching labels.

If a winery has put some effort into its front panel (and by effort I mean some ingenuity that doesn't look like it was birthed by a team of business suits), I'm curious to find out if the juice delivers the same wow factor.

That's what initially intrigued me about Kilikanoon Wines' 2007 The Lackey Shiraz ($17.95 - $19.99). I was drawn to the Aussie wine's strikingly simple black and white label, which displays its name in rustic bold letters and a haphazardly dropped pair of Blundstone boots.

Like the nearly indestructible footwear, The Lackey keeps on trucking with a dark, thick, youthful black fruit flavour and a lingering licorice spice trail that sets it apart from all the cookie cutter shiraz out there.

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Variety is the spice of life, and it's also the reason curry is so popular
Get your spice fix — mild or intense — with these two Thai recipes

A coconut & curry medley

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Enjoying curries can add a little spice to your life, and keeping curry powder or Thai curry paste in your pantry will help give big flavour to your quick dinner ideas.

Use fresh curry powder for the best flavour and be sure to store it away from heat sources. Also, go to bulk stores or spice markets where you can purchase a small amount if you haven't used it before.

You can buy Thai curry paste in grocery stores in jars or envelopes. Once it is opened, store it in the refrigerator. Curry paste has a long shelf life but be sure to check the best-before dates on the jar.

Once you get a taste of both these flavourful curries you will want to kick up the flavour in the kitchen more often.

For this first recipe, combine fresh vegetables with must-have ingredients in your pantry for a five-ingredient Thai soup that will win rave reviews.

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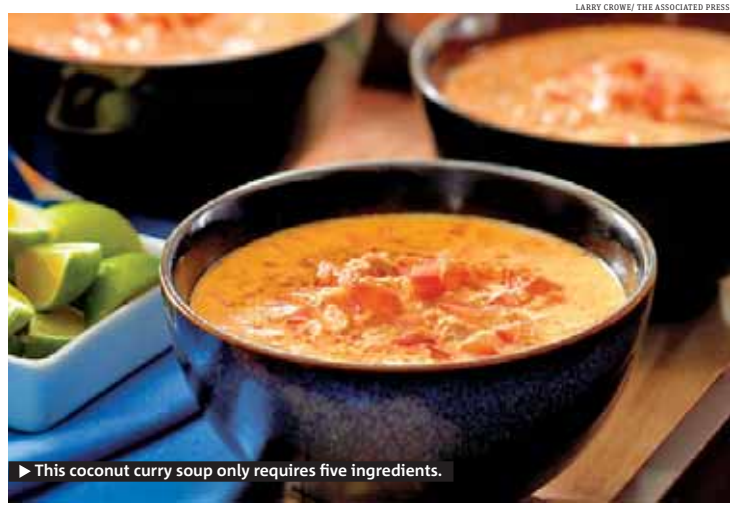

▶ This coconut curry soup only requires five ingredients.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, stir together coconut milk, tuna and curry powder over medium heat. Add carrot and three-quarters of the red pepper and bring to boil.
2. Ladle soup into bowls and garnish with remaining red pepper.

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) light coconut milk
- 2 cans (85 g each) spicy Thai chili flaked light tuna
- 1 tsp (5 mL) curry powder
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped

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▶ Serve the beef curry over white rice.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Thai red, green or yellow curry paste
- 1 lb (500 g) top sirloin grilling steak, thinly sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, sliced
- ½ cup (125 mL) beef stock or water
- ½ cup (125 mL) coconut milk or sour cream
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) fish sauce
- ¼ cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil or coriander

Simple beef curry, exciting taste

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet or wok, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add curry paste and cook for 30 seconds. Add beef and stir-fry for 5 minutes. Remove to plate.
2. Add onion and peppers to skillet; cook, stirring for about 10 minutes or until vegetables begin to brown. Add stock, coconut milk, fish sauce and browned beef; simmer for about 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in basil.

Options:

Vegetarian: Use 1 pgk (350 g) extra firm tofu, cubed, instead of the beef. Replace fish sauce, with soy sauce.

Chicken: You can use 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks for the beef. Use chicken stock.

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NHL crews ready for Heritage Classic

Area cold snap forecasted to dissipate in time for Sunday's game

Mother Nature is treating the NHL's second outdoor game this season much kinder than the first.

Warm, damp conditions forced the league to push the Winter Classic at Pittsburgh's Heinz Field on Jan. 1 to an evening start from the afternoon in an attempt to avoid rain. The game was rained on anyway.

There will be no such sogginess Sunday in the NHL Heritage Classic between the Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens at McMahon Stadium (CBC, RDS, Versus, pre-game 3 p.m. ET).

Temperatures in the area steadily dropped over the last week to –20 C Thursday morning, providing the NHL's Dan Craig with the ideal conditions to create two inches of ice on the field.

A few flurries Thursday night and continuing cold into the weekend was Environment Canada's prediction. Temperatures are expected to rise to a more spectator-friendly high of –1, with clear skies and a light breeze out of the south.

"No matter what game it is ... we know that all of these points are huge."
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"That's what we want," Craig said.

If the forecast holds, the Heritage Classic will feel more comfortable for players than the previous one in Edmonton in 2003, which had a wind chill of –30.

Frigid temperatures aren't ideal for ice as it can turn brittle, but Craig is combating that at McMahon Stadium with a heat line to the ice to keep the base at an even –10.

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▶ The Montreal Canadiens will face the Calgary Flames outdoors Sunday.

Stamps coaching staff set for 2011

The Calgary Stampeders finalized their coaching staff for the 2011 season Thursday.

Dave Walkosky was named linebackers coach after spending three seasons as head coach at Tiffin University.

"I'm very pleased to be able to add someone with Dave's experience to our staff," Stampeders general manager John Hufnagel said in a release.

"He has spent time as a defensive co-ordinator, special teams co-ordinator, defensive backs coach, linebackers coach and most recently as a head coach, so I'm excited for what he can add to our group."

Walkosky's 20-year coaching career also includes assistant coaching positions at Washington State, Toledo, Tennessee-Martin, Waynesburg College and Memphis.

The Stampeders also announced that defensive line coach Cornell Brown has left the team to accept a position at Virginia Tech.

The rest of Calgary's coaching staff includes Chris Jones (defensive line coach, defensive co-ordinator and assistant director of player personnel/football operations), Dave Dickenson (offensive co-ordinator), Mark Kilam (special teams co-ordinator), Kris Sweet (offensive line), Brent Monson (defensive line), Pete Costanza (receivers), Mike Gibson (running backs) and Tony Missick (defensive backs).

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SPORTS PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF SAFETY

The casualties are mounting and sport is facing its greatest crisis. How much risk is too much and at what price is "faster, higher, stronger" too dear?

In the space of one year, Nodar Kumaritashvili, the Georgian luger, lost his life at the Olympics. Then Austrian skier Hans Grugger lost control at the famed downhill ski course in Kitzbuhel and spent weeks in a coma. Now, Sidney Crosby, the bread and butter of the NHL, languishes because of post-concussion syndrome. Lindsey Vonn pulled out of the world alpine ski championships, struggling with a concussion.

So what is acceptable in the pursuit of high-performance sport and reckless disregard for the athlete's well being?

"It's the unknown," says Brian Stemmle, who spent 14 years on the Canadian alpine ski team. "Is the athlete going to win or crash and burn? That's why I watch. Risk makes it extremely exciting because you have so much to lose."

Ironically, Stemmle nearly lost his life in a sickening 1989 crash. He was in hospital for three months with a broken pelvis and massive internal injuries. He recovered and competed at three more Olympics. Still, it was a journey that came with a high price.

"My life almost ended because I made a mistake in a place where safety wasn't up to standard," Stemmle recounted. "As a parent I wouldn't want to go through what my parents had to endure."

That's why sport on every level has to protect its assets — its athletes — in order to ensure long-term survival.

Therefore, all competitions must meet safety standards. Intentional hits to the head must be abolished. Those not qualified to compete shouldn't. Officials need to enforce the rules.

"Safety for the athletes needs to be the No. 1 concern," Stemmle says.

"We also need educated people looking out for us. Doctors, coaches, trainers and therapists need to mitigate injuries by taking precautions. You can't let an athlete compete who isn't one hundred per cent (healthy)."

And you can't let sport become a death-defying game where the laws of the jungle apply.

Jays, Bautista agree to five-year extension

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The Toronto Blue Jays locked up Jose Bautista with a $64-million US, five-year extension Thursday, an intriguing contract with a strong element of both risk and reward.

The deal allows the sides to avoid arbitration along with a season full of questions over the 2010 home run king's long-term status while putting in place another franchise cornerstone.

Terms of the deal are $8 million in 2011, with subsequent $14-million salaries in each of 2012-15. The club holds an option of $14 million for the 2016 season.

"This is one of the biggest days of my life — for myself and my family," Bautista told a news conference.

"I'm just really excited and ecstatic to wear the Blue Jays uniform."

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Sports in brief

Cabrera faces DUI charge

MLB. Detroit Tigers star Miguel Cabrera was arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving in Florida, leaving teammates stunned and concerned about the slugging first baseman less than a week into spring training. The 27-year-old Cabrera has struggled with drinking-related problems in the past.

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Duncan will replace Yao

NBA. San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich says Tim Duncan will replace Yao Ming in the Western Conference's starting lineup for Sunday's all-star game.

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d-Philadelphia	57	38	14	2	3	190	144	81	19-8-0-2	19-6-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Tampa Bay	58	34	18	3	3	177	182	74	19-7-1-2	15-11-2-1	6-3-0-1	L2
d-Boston	58	32	19	2	5	181	162	71	15-12-1-2	17-7-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	59	36	19	2	2	176	143	76	20-10-1-0	16-9-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Washington	58	30	18	5	5	160	149	70	17-7-2-5	13-11-3-0	4-4-0-2	W1
Montreal	59	31	21	4	3	154	150	69	19-7-3-3	12-14-1-0	4-4-0-2	L2
NY Rangers	59	31	24	2	2	166	147	66	14-12-1-2	17-12-1-0	4-5-0-1	W2
Carolina	58	27	23	4	4	170	178	62	14-9-1-1	13-14-3-3	4-4-2-0	L1
Buffalo	56	27	23	6	0	165	166	60	12-13-2-0	15-10-4-0	6-3-0-1	L1
Atlanta	59	25	24	4	6	170	192	60	13-12-1-4	12-12-3-2	2-6-1-1	L2
Toronto	58	25	27	3	3	150	178	56	13-11-3-2	12-16-0-1	6-3-1-0	W2
Florida	56	24	25	3	4	148	152	55	12-10-3-3	12-15-0-1	3-5-1-1	L1
New Jersey	57	23	30	3	1	123	160	50	13-13-2-1	10-17-0-1	8-1-1-0	W5
NY Islanders	58	21	30	3	4	158	195	49	10-14-1-3	11-16-2-1	6-4-0-0	L1
Ottawa	57	18	30	5	4	129	190	45	9-15-2-3	9-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	59	37	13	4	5	197	140	83	20-4-1-4	17-9-3-1	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	57	35	16	4	2	193	165	76	17-8-3-1	18-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	W3
d-Phoenix	59	31	19	6	3	169	165	71	15-10-3-2	16-9-3-1	7-3-0-0	W6
Nashville	58	31	19	5	3	154	136	70	14-5-4-3	17-14-1-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Anaheim	58	32	22	2	2	165	164	68	17-9-0-1	15-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	58	32	22	2	2	163	139	68	17-9-1-0	15-13-1-2	7-0-1-2	L1
Dallas	58	31	21	2	4	162	166	68	17-8-2-3	14-13-0-1	2-7-1-0	L3
San Jose	58	31	21	4	2	160	152	68	13-10-2-1	18-11-2-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Calgary	60	30	22	3	5	181	175	68	17-9-1-2	13-13-2-3	7-1-1-1	W2
Minnesota	57	30	22	1	4	148	152	65	14-12-0-2	16-10-1-2	6-4-0-0	L2
Chicago	57	29	22	2	4	180	160	64	17-13-0-0	12-9-3-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Columbus	57	28	23	3	3	155	172	62	14-13-0-2	14-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
St. Louis	55	25	21	4	5	148	164	59	17-8-1-3	8-13-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Colorado	58	25	26	7	0	173	198	57	14-14-4-0	11-12-3-0	1-8-1-0	L9
Edmonton	58	18	32	1	7	145	195	44	9-17-1-3	9-15-1-3	3-7-0-0	W2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 6 N.Y. Islanders 3
N.Y. Rangers 4 Los Angeles 3 (SO)
Detroit 6 Tampa Bay 2
Nashville 3 Vancouver 1
Edmonton 4 Montreal 1
Phoenix 4 Atlanta 3
Washington at San Jose

Wednesday's results
Calgary 4 Dallas 2
Toronto 2 Buffalo 1
Los Angeles 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
Chicago 3 Minnesota 1
New Jersey 3 Carolina 2
Philadelphia 4 Florida 2
Pittsburgh 3 Colorado 2 (OT)
Washington 7 Anaheim 6

Tonight's games
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

OILERS 4, CANADIENS 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Hemsky 11 (Horcoff) 8:15

Penalties — None.

Second Period
2. Montreal, Halpern 9 (Eller, Hamrlik) 4:06

Penalty — Penner Edm (hooking) 13:07.

Third Period
3. Edmonton, Eberle 13 (Hall, Cogliano) 3:58
4. Edmonton, Jones 13 (Jacques, Reddox) 4:13
5. Edmonton, Hemsky 12 (Penner, Peckham) 19:06 (en)

Penalties — Halpern Mtl (slashing) 13:10, Plekanec Mtl (hooking) 14:30, Pouliot Mtl, Horcoff Edm (cross-checking, fighting, game misconduct) 18:25.

Shots on goal by

Montreal	8	17	12—37
Edmonton	11	8	9—28

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,27-19-6); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,10-25-2).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-1; Edmonton: 0-2.

Referees — Tom Kowal, Don VanMassenhoven. **Linesmen** — Steve Miller, Thor Nelson.

Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

PREDATORS 3, CANUCKS 1

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Ehrhoff Vcr (holding) 2:12, Hornqvist Nash (slashing) 16:32, Suter Nash (interference) 18:47.

Second Period
1. Nashville, Erat 10 (Legwand, Weber) 14:13
2. Vancouver, D.Sedin 30 (H.Sedin, Ehrhoff) 18:15 (pp)
3. Nashville, Spaling 5 (Hornqvist) 18:22
4. Nashville, Fisher 15 (Sulzer, Erat) 19:11

Penalties — Sullivan Nash (goaltender interference) 8:30, Nashville bench (too many men; served by Dumont) 17:47.

Third Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — C.Wilson Nash (high-sticking) 6:34, Ehrhoff Vcr (tripping) 18:50.

Shots on goal by

Vancouver	13	14	9—36
Nashville	8	10	8—26

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (L,27-10-7); Nashville: Rinne (W,21-14-6).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 1-5; Nashville: 0-2.

Referees — Paul Devorski, Rob Martell. **Linesmen** — Ryan Galloway, Tim Nowak.

Att. — 15,337 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

BRUINS 6, ISLANDERS 3

First Period
1. Boston, Wheeler 11 (Seguin, Ference) 1:52
2. Boston, Recchi 11 (Bergeron, Boychuk) 7:03
3. Boston, Campbell 9, 9:04

Penalties — McQuaid Bos (fighting), Konopka NYI (unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting; served by Schremp) 2:01.

Second Period
4. Boston, Krejci 9 (Horton, Lucic) 0:55
5. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 22 (Comeau) 1:50
6. Boston, Seguin 10 (Thornton, Wheeler) 2:48
7. N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 8 (Comeau, Martinek) 5:36
8. Boston, Lucic 24 (Krejci, Chara) 7:17 (pp)

Penalties — Haley NYI (misconduct) 3:33, New York bench (too many men; served by Schremp) 7:10, Seidenberg Bos (tripping) 15:30.

Third Period
9. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 23 (Hillen, Moulson) 12:57

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by

Boston	15	12	7—34
N.Y. Islanders	4	22	11—37

Goal (shots-saves) — Boston: Rask (W,6-11-1); N.Y. Islanders: Lawson (L,1-4-1)(18-13), Montoya (2:48 second)(16-15).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 1-2; N.Y. Islanders: 0-1.

Referees — Dean Morton, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Derek Nansen.

Att. — 12,478 (16,234) at Uniondale, N.Y.

RANGERS 4, KINGS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Brown 19 (Ju.Williams, J.Johnson) 5:25 (pp)

Penalties — Dubinsky NYR (boarding) 4:28, Doughty LA (cross-checking) 6:38, Kopitar LA (hooking) 18:52.

Second Period
2. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 15 (Stepan, Anisimov) 4:01

Penalties — Del Zotto NYR (tripping) 8:54, Dubinsky NYR (goaltender interference) 11:38.

Third Period
3. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 17 (Sauer) 6:10
4. Los Angeles, Greene 1 (Richardson, Kopitar) 7:50
5. N.Y. Rangers, Dubinsky 20 (Callahan) 16:52
6. Los Angeles, Brown 20 (Scuderi, Martinez) 17:39

Penalty — Ponikarovsky LA (double high-sticking) 20:00.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalty — Dubinsky NYR (high-sticking) 1:48.

Shootout
N.Y. Rangers wins 2-1
Los Angeles (1) — Handzus, miss; Stoll, goal; Kopitar, miss.
N.Y. Rangers (2) — Christensen, goal; Zuccarello, goal; Wolski, miss.

Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	9	9	9	1— 28
N.Y. Rangers	10	11	11	5— 37

Goal — Los Angeles: Bernier (L,6-8-2); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,23-18-4).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 1-3; N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.

Referees — Marc Joannette, Marcus Vinnerborg. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Anthony Sericolo.

Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York City.

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

First Leg
Yesterday's results
Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 Ajax (Netherlands) 3
BATE Borisov (Belarus) 2 Paris Saint-Germain (France) 2
Basel (Switzerland) 2 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 3
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Stuttgart (Germany) 1
Besiktas (Turkey) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 4
Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1
Lech Poznan (Poland) 1 Braga (Portugal) 0
Lille (France) 2 PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 2
Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 0 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 4
Napoli (Italy) 0 Villarreal (Spain) 0
PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece) 0 CSKA Moscow (Russia) 1
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 0 Twente (Netherlands) 2
Sevilla (Spain) 1 Porto (Portugal) 2
Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0 Liverpool (England) 0
Young Boys (Switzerland) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia)

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Engel Beltre, OF Julio Borbon, LHP Miguel De Los Santos, RHP Neftali Feliz, LHP Derek Holland, LHP Michael Kirkman, LHP Zach Phillips and RHP Mason Tobin on one-year contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Russell Branyan on a minor league contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed RHP John Maine to a minor league contract.

NFL

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed DT Richard Seymour to a two-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Re-signed TE Eugene Bright, S Damon Cromartie-Smith, LB Chris Ellis, WR Tyler Grisham, DE Sunny Harris and OT Kyle Jolly. Signed WR Wes Lyons to a reserve/future contract.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Promoted Steve Wilks to assistant head coach-secondary.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Greg Jackson assistant secondary coach.

CFL

CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Named Dave Walkosky linebackers coach.
MONTREAL ALOUETTES—Re-signed LB Ramon Guzman. Signed RB Yvenson Bernard and S Tad Crawford.

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled LW Nigel Dawes from the Chicago (AHL). Placed F Freddy Modin and F Alex Burmistrov on injured reserve.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed C Derick Brassard on injured reserve.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Jacob Josefson from Albany (AHL). Returned D Jay Leach to Albany. Placed C Tim Sestito on waivers.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Andre Benoit and F Colin Greening from Binghamton (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled G Ben Bishop from Peoria (AHL). Placed G Jaroslav Halak on injured reserve.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Evan Oberg.

AHL

CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed RW Jack Combs.
MANITOBA MOOSE—Signed D Geoff Waugh.
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Recalled G Gerald Coleman from Alaska (ECHL). Released F Slava Trukhno.

MLS

COLUMBUS CREW—Signed D Rich Balchan, F Justin Meram, MF Cole Grossman and MF Bernardo Anor.
D.C. UNITED—Waived D Julius James.
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Signed D Franco Coria.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Signed MF Freddie Braun and G Jake Gleeson.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Signed MF Osvaldo Alonso to a contract extension of MF through the 2014 season.

LACROSSE

WEEK SEVEN

Tonight's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 11 p.m.

Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP RMK CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE WTA CELLULAR SOUTH CUP

At Memphis, Tenn.
Yesterday's results
(seedings in parentheses):
Singles
Men
Second Round
Sam Querrey (5), United States, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (10), 7-6 (1).
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Florent Serra, France, 6-4, 6-4.
Women
Quarter-finals
Rebecca Marino (6), Vancouver, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, U.S., 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Alexa Glatch, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles
Men
Quarter-finals
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Michal Mertinak (3), Slovakia, def. Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares, Brazil, 3-6, 6-3, 14-12 tiebreak.
Women
Quarter-finals
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, and Ipek Senoglu, Turkey, def. Renata Voracova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (1), Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (4), Czech Republic, def. Jamie Hampton and Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-1, 6-1.

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Yesterday's results
(seedings in parentheses)
Singles
Third Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-1, 6-0.
Alisa Kleybanova (15), Russia, def. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (16), Russia, def. Francesca Schiavone (3), Italy, 1-6, 6-0, 7-5.
Sam Stosur (4), Australia, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Kaia Kanepi (12), Estonia, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-4.
Agnieszka Radwansaka (8), Poland, def. Marion Bartoli (10), France, 6-3, 6-2.
Shahar Peer (9), Israel, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles
Second Round
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, and Peng Shuai, China, 7-5, 6-2.
Liezel Huber, U.S., and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (2), Spain, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Zheng Jie (3), China, 6-3, 7-5.
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (4), Russia, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Yan Zi, China, 6-4, 6-4.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (6), U.S., def. Flavia Pennetta and Francesca Schiavone, Italy (walkover).
Lisa Raymond, U.S., and Sam Stosur (7), Australia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Shahar Peer, Israel, 7-5, 5-7, 10-7 (tiebreak).
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Selima Sfar, Tunisia, 6-2, 4-6, 12-10 (tiebreak).
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, and Tatiana Poutchek, Belarus, 6-1, 6-1.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	40	14	.741	—
d-Miami	41	15	.732	—
d-Chicago	38	16	.704	2
Orlando	36	21	.632	5½
Atlanta	34	21	.618	6½
New York	28	26	.519	12
Philadelphia	27	29	.482	14
Indiana	24	30	.444	16
Charlotte	24	32	.429	17
Milwaukee	21	34	.382	19½
Detroit	21	36	.368	20½
New Jersey	17	40	.298	24½
Washington	15	39	.278	25
Toronto	15	41	.268	26
Cleveland	10	46	.179	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	10	.821	—
Dallas	39	16	.709	6½
d-L.A. Lakers	38	19	.667	8½
d-Oklahoma City	35	19	.648	10
Portland	32	24	.571	14
New Orleans	33	25	.569	14
Denver	32	25	.561	14½
Memphis	31	26	.544	15½
Utah	31	26	.544	15½
Phoenix	27	26	.509	17½
Golden State	26	29	.473	19½
Houston	26	31	.456	20½
L.A. Clippers	21	35	.375	25
Sacramento	13	40	.245	31½
Minnesota	13	43	.232	33

d – division leader

Last night's results
Chicago 109, San Antonio 99
Dallas at Phoenix

Wednesday's results
Orlando 101, Washington 76
Miami 103, Toronto 95
Boston 94, New Jersey 80
Cleveland 104, L.A. Lakers 99
Detroit 115, Indiana 109, OT
New York 102, Atlanta 90
L.A. Clippers 98, Minnesota 90
Dallas 116, Sacramento 100
Philadelphia 114, Houston 105
Golden State 107, Utah 100
Denver 94, Milwaukee 87
Portland 103, New Orleans 96

NBA ALL-STAR GAME ROSTERS

(x—starter; y—injured; z—replacement):
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Forwards
Kevin Garnett, Boston; x-LeBron James, Miami; Paul Pierce, Boston.
Forwards/Centres
Chris Bosh, Miami; Al Horford, Atlanta; x-Dwight Howard, Orlando; x-Amar'e Stoudemire, New York.
Guards
Ray Allen, Boston; Joe Johnson, Atlanta; Rajon Rondo, Boston; x-Derrick Rose, Chicago; x-Dwyane Wade, Miami.
Head Coach
Doc Rivers, Boston
Assistant Coaches
Lawrence Frank, Armond Hill, Kevin Eastman, Mike Longabardi, Roy Rogers, Tyronn Lue, all Boston.
Athletic Trainer
Scott McCullough, Toronto
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Forwards
x-Carmelo Anthony, Denver; Tim Duncan, San Antonio; x-Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City; Pau Gasol, L.A. Lakers; z-Kevin Love, Minnesota; Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas; Blake Griffin, L.A. Clippers.
Guards
x-Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers; Manu Ginobili, San Antonio; x-Chris Paul, New Orleans; Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City; Deron Williams, Utah.
Centres
xy-Yao Ming, Houston
Head Coach
Gregg Popovich, San Antonio
Assistant Coaches
Mike Budenholzer, Don Newman, Brett Brown, Chip Engelland, Chad Forcier, Jacque Vaughn, all San Antonio.
Athletic Trainer
Jasen Powell, L.A. Clippers

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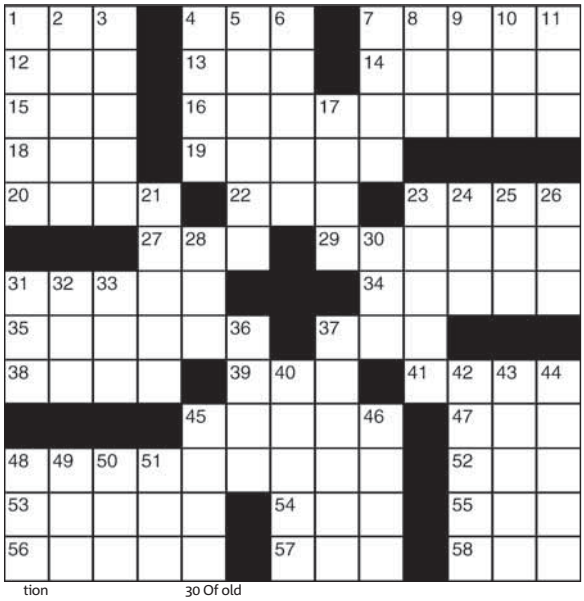

Across

1 Memorized
4 Round Table address
7 Old hat
12 "... — on forever": Tennyson
13 Praise in verse
14 "American Idol" runner-up Clay
15 Burst
16 "Forget it"
18 Mound stat
19 Steam room
20 Bronx cheer
22 Writer Buscaglia
23 Super-man's alias
27 Golfer Ernie
29 Jaundiced
31 Zero-star movies
34 New Orleans stew
35 Ducks
37 Drunkard
38 Informa-tion
39 Triumphed
41 Region
45 Gulf money
47 Scratch
48 Raven's word
52 Commo-tion
53 Farewell
54 Calendar abbr.
55 Stashed
56 — -over (thorough examination)
57 Med. approver
58 Exit

Down

1 Hamelin musician
2 Old marketplace
3 November birth-stone
4 Half the offspring
5 Standards of perfec-tion
6 Skit show
7 Legal worker, for short
8 Intent
9 Schuss
10 D.C. address
11 Conclusion
17 Grandson of Eve
21 Striped equine
23 Ungraceful one
24 Shade provider
25 San Francisco's — Hill
26 Pair
28 W.W.II craft
30 Of old
31 Awful
32 Eggs
33 Encountered
36 Take to the pool
37 Caught
40 Type of switch
42 Nebraska city
43 Bottom point
44 Wear away
45 Pharmaceutical
46 Singer McEntire
48 Run-down horse
49 Tokyo's old name
50 Leon Uris' "QB —"
51 Still, in verse

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	8		1			7	5	
7				2		9		6
4				3				
	6	8			2		9	
				7				
	3		9			6	4	
				8				1
1		3		9				5
	7	4			5		6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	4	2	6	7	9	1	3	8
8	6	7	5	3	1	2	4	9
9	3	1	2	4	8	5	6	7
6	7	9	4	8	2	3	1	5
2	8	4	1	5	3	9	7	6
3	1	5	9	6	7	4	8	2
7	9	3	8	1	5	6	2	4
4	5	8	3	2	6	7	9	1
1	2	6	7	9	4	8	5	3

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A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -24° Max -16°	Min -21° Max -8°	Min -18° Max -5°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Someone you meet on your travels over the next 24 hours will become not only a friend but also a collaborator in some kind of creative project. There is a chemistry between you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets indicate that if you have a plan and if you make a serious effort to put that plan into effect there is nothing you cannot accomplish. Self-belief is necessary, too, of course.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The Sun in Aquarius has endowed you with no end of confidence, and you're going to need it over the next few days. Today though, you should take a trip of some kind. You'll think better when on the move.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
There is no point trying to convince yourself that everything is fine when all your senses, including your sixth sense, are telling a different story. Something is bothering you and the time has come to deal with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A full moon in your sign will help overcome any embarrassment you might feel at revealing your innermost feelings. Even if you are the kind of Leo who rarely gets emotional, share what's in your heart.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You have begun a lot of new things since the start of the year but how many of them mean much to you? Give it some thought throughout the day.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is a good day for getting things done. If you are smart, you will get them done by yourself. There will be a fair amount of tension in the air, so keep your distance if you can.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Sometimes, you can be ultra sensitive to criticism. If you hit back at people whose opinions you don't much like today, there could be a falling out.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You'll have no problem letting others know what you think and feel — the full moon in Leo compels you to speak your mind. Don't forget that words, like actions, have consequences. Think before you open your mouth.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You may or may not come into money over the next 24 hours, but you will certainly be thinking about your finances. Whatever you decide, avoid get-rich-quick schemes.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you focus your energy in a single direction today you might achieve something remarkable. There can be no more doubts and no more wondering if you are making the right move. Don't think — act.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It's time to get rid of a fear that has no basis in reality. It does not matter what caused it, it matters only that you grow out of it. Start living with purpose. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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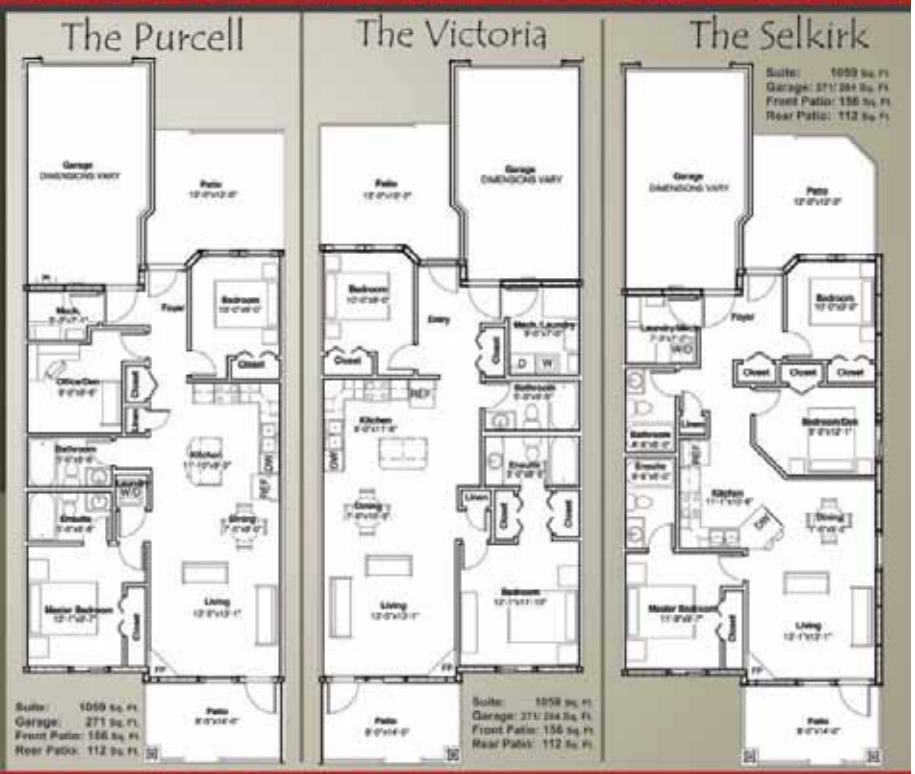

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